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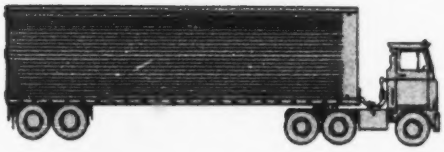

MONTHLY TRUCK TONNAGE REPORT

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APRIL TRUCK TONNAGE INDEX INCREASES

The seasonally adjusted monthly index of intercity truck tonnage increased 0.8 points (0.5 percent) during April 1981, the American Trucking Associations announced today. The adjusted index was 151.7p for the month of April, compared to 150.9r for the month of March 1981. The index was 1.2 points (or 0.8 percent) higher than it was in April 1980. The final adjusted index for tonnage during the year 1967 is taken as 100 to start the chain link index.

These findings are based on the ATA Research and Statistical Services Department's monthly survey of Class I and II motor carriers of general freight with monthly responses representing more than one-third of the tonnage moved. The month-to-month percent change link has been adjusted to remove the normal seasonal influences and variations dues to the different number of business days each month.

The unadjusted tonnage data for the United States and for each region for the latest month (p) are shown on the reverse side. Based upon this unadjusted data, April tonnage decreased 8.6 percent compared to revised March and increased 0.2 percent compared to April of last year.

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p - preliminary r - revised f - final

PLEASE NOTE: These tonnage index figures are based on month-to-month percentage change figures. This chain link is then adjusted seasonally and for trading days according to formulates supplied by the Department of Commerce. For more information on the techniques involved and the use of this index, see the ATA Department of Economics' "Motor Carrier Special Report" of September 1977.

UNADJUSTED APRIL TRUCK TONNAGE BY REGION

Region	Cos.	April 1981p	April 1980f	Percent Change 4/81p over 4/80f	March 1981r	Percent Change 4/81p over 3/80r
New England	19	292,511	302,577	- 3.3	294,930	- 0.8
Middle Atlantic	34	817,524	847,342	- 3.5	861,901	- 5.2
Central	51	1,443,411	1,444,028	- 0.0	1,504,798	- 4.1
Southern	41	1,667,508	1,629,857	+ 2.3	1,917,543	-13.0
Northwestern	11	83,694	79,750	+ 5.0	84,740	- 1.2
Midwestern	14	285,000	291,526	- 2.2	306,676	- 7.1
Southwestern	12	878,137	900,212	- 2.5	923,328	- 4.9
Rocky Mountain	10	198,023	208,468	- 5.0	231,968	-14.6
Pacific	15	807,059	925,138	-12.8	958,223	-15.8
TOTAL	207	6,472,867	6,628,898	- 2.4	7,084,107	- 8.6

INDEX COMPARISONS

	April 1981	March 1981	Feb. 1981	April 1980	Monthly % Change 3/81 / 2/81	Monthly % Change 4/81 / 3/81	Yearly % Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	151.7p	150.9r	151.9f	150.5f	- 0.7	+0.5	+ 0.8
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	152.0p	166.3r	146.3f	151.7f	+13.7	-8.6	+ 0.2
Industrial Production Index[2] (Total)	152.8	152.2	151.1	148.3	+ 0.7	+0.4	+ 3.0
Manufacturers (total)	152.8	151.9	151.1	147.9	+ 0.5	+0.6	+ 3.3
Non-durable	166.2	165.6	166.3	161.6	- 0.4	+0.4	+ 2.9
Durable	143.6	142.4	140.6	138.5	+ 1.3	+0.8	+ 3.7
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	353.5	357.1	355.8	313.0	+ 0.4	-1.0	+12.9
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	267.7	265.3	262.4	242.1	+ 1.1	+0.9	+10.6
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	266.8	265.1	263.2	242.5	+ 0.7	+0.6	+10.0

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[1]Adjusted seasonally and for trading days.

[2]Seasonally adjusted.

[3]Finished goods (formerly Wholesale Price Index

[4]Goods and Services.